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1. The city of Lubny has a population of about 30-35 thousand. It is a very old city. The main street is Universetetskaya Ulitsa. All the streets in the city are stone paved and most of them are from five to six meters wide.
2. As I remember there is no heavy industry in Lubny except a tobacco, a leather and a sugar beet factory, and a flour mill. The largest building in the city is three stories high.
3. Lubny has about seven percent Jewish population and the rest are Ukrainian and Soviet nationals.
4. A railroad station is situated on the western outskirts of the city. Traffic is both passenger and freight. There are about ten sidings in this station where the trains were supposed to wait for the arrival of trains from the opposite direction. However, due to the impatience of the engineers there were many accidents on this line. A single rail line runs west north-west towards Gorodishche from Lubny and southwest towards Solonitsa.
5. The Pedagogue Institute is located on Universetetskaya Ulitsa. It is a three-story brick building, contains about 20 class rooms and is steam heated. The student body of the school totaled about two thousand with a greater percentage of girls. Many male students were either being drafted or arrested.
6. Lubny also has a medical school for training both nurses and MD's. It is a three-story brick building. It has an enrollment of one thousand students, the greater percentage being girls.
7. There is a large hospital in the southwestern part of the city consisting of about one thousand beds.
8. Homes situated in the center of Lubny are of brick construction and each home has about four or five rooms. Homes in the urban areas are built of wood and clay. Homes are heated by wood or peat.

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9. The center of the city is electrified. This included homes, business buildings, institutions, the railroad station, the jail, and the streets. The urban areas are not electrified.
10. The city has very few buses and the usual means of transportation was by horse or bicycle.
11. A police station is situated on Professor street which is in the center of Lubny. It is of stone construction, three stories high and very old. People are brought here, interrogated, charges are pressed, and they are then sent to jail which is on the outskirts of the city.
12. The jail is west of the city and south of the railroad line which runs to Gorodishche. It is large, very old, and has three floors. All the windows in the jail are shuttered.
13. The number of MVD personnel in Lubny varies from time to time. There are about two hundred operating in civilian clothes and there is also a military MVD police detachment of about two hundred. The military wear special olive drab color uniforms so that people can recognize them. They carry pistols and drive black cars.
14. There is a very large park in the center of the city where many people promenade. Before I came to Lubny there were about 10 old churches but the Soviets closed them all.
15. About two to three hundred meters east of Lubny is the Sula River and marshlands. A fishing license is required when net fishing but not when fishing with a pole.
16. There is a large woodland area north of Lubny. A dirt road goes through the woodlands. It takes about an hour to ride through the woods on a horse. One can find wild apples, cherries and berries, mushrooms and water in the woods, also foxes and rabbits. The oak trees in the woods are from 40 to two hundred years old, and very high.
17. In the area north and northeast of the city there are many wooden bridges across the Sula River and marshlands.
18. There is one main road from Lubny running north to Klepachi and another from Lubny via Kommuna Km running in the direction of Piryatin. Both roads are wide enough for two cars.

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